



## Water Conservation and Reuse “A Tale of Two Washbays”

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## What Water Conservation Means To Me



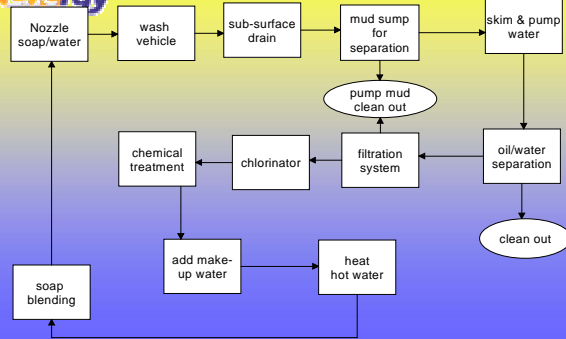
## 1550 gallon Water Collection System



## 550 gallon Water Collection System



## Basic Vehicle Wash Recycling System



## San Antonio Vehicle Wash Bay





## San Antonio's Drought Management Plan

- SA's water supply is dependent on the Edwards Aquifer
  - Stage levels are based on measured feet above sea level
  - During hot summer days the level drops about 1.25 feet per day and fills about 1 foot per inch of rain if rain is located above the recharge zone.
- Level 650... Implement stage 1  
Level 640... stage 2  
Level 630... stage 3
- measured at monitoring well J17*



### Stage 1 – level = 650 ft.

- No run-off permitted for any type of activity.
- Restaurants only serve water when asked.
- Pools covered at least 25% when not in use.
- Watering/irrigation permitted once per week on designated days, not allowed between 10AM and 8PM.
- No restriction on hand-held hose watering.



### Stage 2 – level = 640 ft.

- All Stage 1 restrictions.
- No fountain use, unless treated water is used.
- Hand-held hose watering not permitted between 8 AM and 8PM.
- Once a week irrigation on designated days.



### Stage 3 – level = 630 ft.

- All stage 1 and stage 2 restrictions.
- Hand-held hose water only 5 hours per day on designated days.
- Irrigation every other week on a designated day.
- 30% of swimming pool fill water must come from other source not the Edwards Aquifer.
- Vehicle washing only on designated days; no run-off water permitted.**



### Notes:

- Designated days are based on the last digit of address.
- Neighbors turn on neighbors.
- Police cite businesses and home owners; tickets for violations
- SAWS Enforcement team respond to violations and reported violations
- SAWS and Police receive hundreds of calls each day during drought stages.
- No one is above the law.



### SA Wash Bay







## El Paso Maintenance Cost

- Testing: \$ 16 /quarter
- Pump out holding tank: \$200 /quarter
- Chemicals: \$105/month (shock bacteria) →  
\$315 /quarter
- Routine Maintenance: \$200 /quarter
- **Total:** \$731 /quarter



## Studies

- Local lab testing and recommendations: \$1800
- USPHS CIH Investigation: \$4500



## Summary

